



## Eichmann Reporters Battle Wire Lags, Language Barriers

By GEORGE R. BROWN, WOR

JERUSALEM

The Adolf Eichmann trial was supposed to be the big story. Then the Soviets sent up their spaceman, the Cuban invasion started, and the French Algerian pot boiled over. But outside of the U.S., the affair here in the spanking, brand new community center drew considerable play in the world press and over radio and TV.

Correspondents carried on despite the usual frustrations and some added ones — such as getting used to boiled chicken and living in all sorts of odd places, including a German nunnery. Eating-wise, the kosher diet of this Jewish state drew some groans from the newsmen. And La Gondola and Finks Bar where, of all things, you can get ham and eggs — drew overflow crowds.

Israel is isolated by her Arab neighbors, and the land-lines that used to run

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## NEWS BLACKOUT, IMPRISONMENT GREET U.S. REPORTERS IN CUBA

Newsmen who tried to cover the abortive landings of a rebel force in Cuba found the going all but impossible. Worse still, they themselves became victims of Castro's vengeance.

As of press time of this issue of the *OPC Bulletin*, here was the latest information regarding missing or imprisoned newsmen:

Henry Raymont, veteran UPI correspondent, imprisoned by Castro for several days, was freed in the custody of the Brazilian Embassy and on Tues., April 25, flew to Mexico; *Martin Houseman* of UPI and Robert Berrelez of the AP were still under arrest. Adolfo Merino, Cuban reporter for the UPI Havana bureau was also behind bars; remaining American correspondents in Cuba were not allowed to file dispatches.

Peter Hopkirk of the *London Express* said that the only newsmen besides himself who were not under arrest were Ruby Hart Phillips of the *New York Times* and John Bland of Reuters.

AP General Manager Frank J. Starzel reported last Monday at the convention

of American Newspaper Publishers Association in New York that:

... AP had not heard from its staff in Havana since the landings began;

... It does not know the whereabouts of *Harold Milks*, chief of Caribbean services;

... George Kaufman is said to have gained asylum in the Argentine Embassy in Havana;

... The AP bureau at Havana is apparently under the control of the armed militia;

... In the last few days it has been

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JOT THESE DATES ON YOUR

### CALENDAR



**Sat., Apr. 29 — Saturday Buffet**  
served from 12:00 Noon till Midnight.  
Price \$2. Bar open from Noon till 2:00 a.m.

**Sun., Apr. 30 — Sunday Smorgasbord**  
served from 1:00 p.m. till Midnight.  
Price \$3. Bar open from 1:00 p.m. till Midnight.

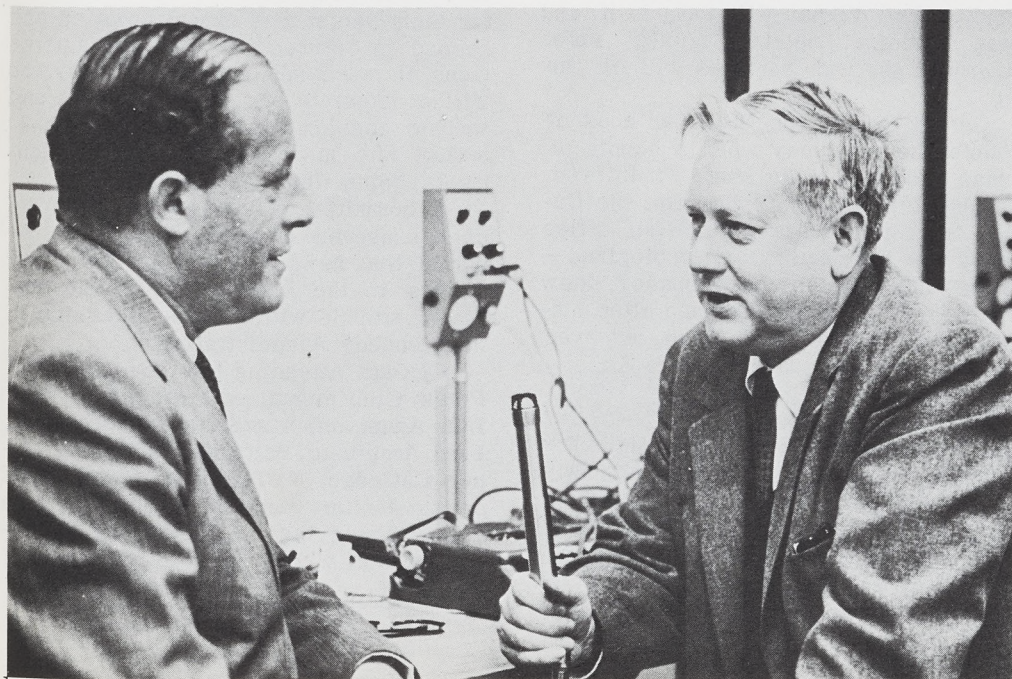
Also a short order menu will be served in the bar Saturdays and Sundays from 6:00 p.m. till Midnight.

These new weekend hours will continue until further notice.

**Tues., May 2 — Special Open House: The Cuban Affair.** Panel of correspondents recently covering Castro, reporting on his influence in Latin America, and reactions to the attempt to unseat him. See enclosure for details. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, please.

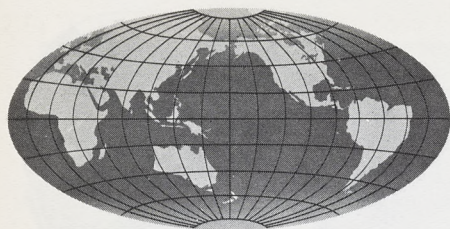
**Tues., May 9 — Open House: The Rt. Rev. Richard A. Reeves, famed Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, SoAfrica, who was deported for his opposition to apartheid and for writing the book, "Shooting at Sharpeville: The Agony of South Africa."** Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, please.

**Fri., May 19 — OPC Charter Flight to Paris. June 18 — Return from London.**

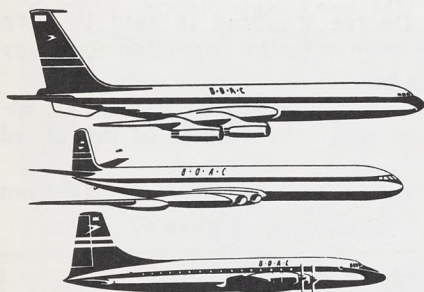


George Brown, Director of News for WOR, interviews Nahum Astar, Israeli Foreign Office liaison officer and assistant chief of the American desk at the Eichmann trial.





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# Overseas Ticker



..... Edited by THOMAS B. DORSEY .....

## BELGRADE.....from JOE PETERS

A recently passed regulation about minimum wages places Yugo newsmen into the highest bracket — together with coal and quicksilver miners. So if the Yugo reporter ever borrows our old saw about 'going back to the salt mines,' he'd be in a way justified.

By the way, the minimum wage is 19,000 dinars a month or Din. 91 per hour. If you translated this into dollars (at the Yugo statistical rate of Din. 300 per buck — a mysterious cross between the set internat'l value of the dinar of 750 per and the actual domestic purchasing power), this would amount to \$63 per month and 30¢ per hour. It isn't as low as it sounds — most Yugoslavs make much less than that.

However, most newsmen here actually make two or three times the minimum — besides free medical care, month's vacation with reduced fares and hotel accommodations, pensions and all other social welfare benefits. And they share in the earnings (don't mention the word 'profit') of their publications. Their own 'workers' council' distributes these surpluses 'according to performance' which often amounts to one or two month's pay a year!

Now, boys, don't rush over for a job. You've got to be a Yugoslav, know Serbo-Croat and Cyrillic and be happy about the whole thing. And a party membership is a tremendous boost (if the un-American Committee doesn't get you first).

Paul Underwood, NYTimes, sailing home from Genoa with his family mid-June for a 3-month home leave. Mike Handler from Vienna will jump in if and when anything important breaks here. Otherwise the wire services will fill the gap.

Gerard Gert of the USIA had a bit of trouble the other day when a couple of Cuban students broke some windows at the American Library right after the Cuban 'invasion'. The Yugo Fgn office called the USEmbassy and apologized — before anybody at the Embassy knew anything about it — it happened after midnight when no one was around, not even Gert who's doing a fine job here.

## OTTAWA.....from TANIA DANIELL

The Parliamentary Press Gallery's annual dinner, which traditionally spoofs the government in power, took place Apr. 22. This year's show dealt with the emergency shelter the Conservative gov't is building for itself in a small town not far from Ottawa. The show was directed for the third time in succession by OPCer Charles Lynch, chief of the Southam news service.

## TAIPEI.....from GERALDINE FITCH

On Apr. 21 the Fgn Corrs Club of the ROC gave a cocktail party at the Friends of China Club to farewell Junius Griffin of PacificStars&Stripes, and Capt. William Dempsey, PIO of the US Taiwan Defense Command, and to welcome the return of the club's pres Spencer Moosa from a Tokyo working assignment.

'Taiwan is one of the few places where Free World travelers may observe the centuries-old traditions, culture and gracious hospitality of the old Chinese world,' wrote Bruce Penny, Sunday ed of SeattlePost-Intell, in a spec article on travel and resorts. Stopover for 72 hours without an entry-permit provides additional inducement without extra expense for including Taiwan on any FarEast tour.

Uruguayan press assn exec Juan Carlos Pedemonte of La Manana arrived for two-week visit to observe industrial and economic progress on Taiwan.

## WASHINGTON.from JESSIE STEARNS

Lewis W. Shollenberger, former assoc dir of news & public affairs, CBS News-Wash, has joined ABC as Wash dir of spec events and operations...Benjamin C. Bradlee was appointed Wash buochief of Newswk, succeeding Kenneth G. Crawford who becomes the mag's Wash columnist. Ernest K. Lindley, whose Wash column has appeared in Newswk for the past 20 years leaves the mag for retirement — plans to lecture, write and travel...

Dixon Donnelley, asst to Secy of Treasury Douglas Dillon, accompanied the Secy to Rio for a meeting.... Marvin Arrowsmith, AP's chief White House corr for eight years, was named news ed and second in command of the buo's operations. He succeeds Raymond Crowley who will concentrate on general projects and writing assignments. A. Whitney Shoemaker, who has been on general assignments, joins White House staff.

A committee of editors attending the annual meeting of ASNE Apr. 20-22, reported that newsmen, despite their freer access to the White House itself, are having trouble with news suppression in the Kennedy Administration.

OPCers attending the Women's Nat'l Press Club annual editors' dinner were Don Anderson, WiscState Jnl publisher; Fred Archibald, BaltAmer publisher; Turner Catledge, NYTimes m.e. and ASNE pres; Lester Markel, NYTimes; Ruth Cowan Nash; Angele Gingras; Alicia Patterson, Ed & Publisher, Newsday; and your corr. (Continued on page 6)

Editor This Week Is: Ben Zwerling  
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Donald Wayne, Jess Gorkin  
Managing Editor: Lucille G. Pierlot



## RICHARD HARDING DAVIS NIGHT AT NEW CLUB



RHD is topic of discussion At Apr. 25 Open House: (L. to r.) Ansel E. Talbert; Bob Considine; Hope Harding Davis; and Bernard Sobel.

"If Richard Harding Davis were alive today he'd probably be in jail in Cuba," said Hope Harding Davis, the famous war correspondent's daughter, at the close of a special OPC program honoring her father, Tuesday, April 25.

OPC's "Davis Night" — arranged by Vice-President Ansel E. Talbert — also marked the publication of a definitive biography, *The Richard Harding Davis Years*, written by Gerald Langford, President of the University of Texas, "A wonderful account of my father's life," said Hope Davis.

Before introducing the guests, Vice-President Talbert accepted from Max Hage a rare volume containing old Davis dispatches from the Russo-Japanese war fronts. The book dated 1905, and containing "photographs, and descriptive reviews gathered from the reports, records, cable dispatches, etc., of Collier's war correspondents" was unearthed by Hage in an old house which he recently purchased — and now goes into OPC's archives.

Albert Stevens Crockett — the Club's oldest member — gave a contemporary's account of Davis' impact on the news business. "He taught me (1) that a good newspaper reporter can also be a gentleman; and (2) that he can be as good as any prince in Europe, if he knows what

## OPC Charter Flite - SRO

Members who still wish to join OPC's Charter Flight leaving New York for Paris on May 19 can try the waiting list in hopes that someone might cancel.

Flight tickets and important information are being mailed this week. Members should have this in hand by Sat., Apr. 29. If not, advise the Male Travel Bureau, 274 Madison Ave., New York 16.

Members on the flight will also receive, from the OPC, a listing of those taking the trip and invitations to the cocktail round-ups in Paris (Curt Heymann, host), and in London (Russell F. Anderson, host.)

he's talking about, and so shouldn't be afraid to tackle one."

As Talbert pointed out, Davis had the habit of dressing for dinner — even in the Congo — but also managed to be an exceedingly tough character when it came to getting a story.

Bernard Sobel told of Davis' many theatrical enterprises, and his romance with the almost legendary theatrical heroine of his day, the beautiful Bessie McCoy. "I never got to see her," Sobel reminisced — "when her play came to Indianapolis I bought tickets at great sacrifice, but it turned out to be a road company, and the 'Yama-Yama Girl' wasn't in it, after all."

Kristen Davis Kehrig, RHD's grandson, speaking in a lighter vein, declared that "my respect for good food and wine, and my abilities as a wine taster, were an important part of my inheritance from grandfather."

To this, Larry Blochman, OPC's official gastronomic expert, added his own observations, but concluded: "It was the influence of Davis that made me give up engineering (thus saving thousands of lives) and take up a career as a foreign correspondent."



Kristen Davis Kehrig (l.) and Albert S. Crockett reminisce over the "Davis years."

## Algiers News Sources Cut Off as Army Coup Rocks France

Reporters faced more frustrations last week when they tried to get news out of the world's newest trouble spot, Algiers.

Few direct reports from U.S. newsmen were getting through and no additional reporters were allowed on the scene.

The *New York Times'* Thomas J. Brady happened to be off in Tunis when the French generals acted up — and he couldn't get back in. NBC's Leon Pearson happened to be in Algiers — on vacation — and he filed the best he could.

But it was touch and go on getting news in the early hours of the latest French Army coup in Algeria.

Even dependable stringers in the Algerian capital were not sending their stories through and couldn't be contacted.

## WOMEN'S CLUB RENTS FIRST SPACE IN '54'

The New York Newspaper Women's Club has become the first press club to rent space in the OPC's new World Press Center 54 West 40th St. The group will take a suite of offices on the ninth floor of the building.

Four decades ago, New York City had far more newspapers than at present, but with far fewer women on their news staffs. They first came to know each other during their extended coverage of the campaign for votes for women. When it ended in victory, the late Martha Corman, then of the *New York Herald*, founded the New York Newspaper Women's Club from among her associates on that historic assignment.

The group has always been restricted to members of "the working press" — women on the editorial staffs of daily newspapers and press services whose coverage originates in the Metropolitan area. The club will observe its 40th anniversary in 1962, the organization meeting having been held on March 8, 1922.

OPC president John Luter disclosed that tentative agreements have been reached on the rental of office space to the Society of Magazine Writers and the Academy of Radio and Television Arts and Sciences. Negotiations are underway with other groups interested in offices on the seventh, eighth and ninth floors — the three floors on which the OPC will rent space to other press clubs and news organizations.



# Julia Edwards in Angry Africa: 'Jail, Indignities, Rescue'

By JULIA EDWARDS

(ED. NOTE: Free lance writers who have an itch to go to Africa may reconsider embarking on a voyage to the dark continent after reading the following article by Julia Edwards. Former managing editor of the Worldwide Press Service and staffer on Research Institute of America, Miss Edwards' reports from Africa have been appearing in the Christian Science Monitor, Louisville Courier Journal and the Providence Journal.)

BULOWAYO, SOUTHERN RHODESIA  
April — Censorship and distortion of the news are old hat in Africa. What is new and menacing is abuse, downright maltreatment of American correspondent by whites and blacks and Red Chinese.

## Orchids To Diplomats

This is increasing in direct proportion to the evidence that President Kennedy's administration does not propose to sit still while the UN is destroyed and Africa goes down the drain.

To blame all the trouble on the Communists would be too facile. The Communists' best friends in Africa are also their worst enemies, Portuguese and Afrikaner officialdom.

You have heard of American ambassadors who never lifted a finger to get American correspondents out of jail in Europe. So this is the spot to present an orchid to some wonderfully helpful American diplomats in Africa.

Born a thoroughbred Kentucky Democrat, I have just had the interesting experience of being rescued from the Portuguese police by a man with the now noble name of William Howard Taft.

As a woman, I frequently get off easier than men, if not in Portuguese Africa. My experiences are not the worst. They are the least you can expect on a six-month's tour of Africa.

With four months behind me and two to go, I have been assaulted by Red Chinese in Guinea, subjected to verbal abuse in Ghana, given the brush off even in Senegal, denied a visa to the Union of South Africa.

## Arrival In Luanda

The climax came when I arrived in Luanda, Angola, March 15. Col. Francisco Lucena, director of the government's Office of Information, had recovered his good humor after expelling the previous four correspondents in town in February. He lent me a book on Angola in the sixteenth century and told me to get any more recent facts I required from the Government-controlled press.

Next day, Col. Lucena took to his bed and left Mme. Maria Sofia Baptiste to make the announcement, probably five



"Police waited for suspected 'hidden' film as embarrassed airline stewardess stripped me to the skin...."

years premature, that the anti-white violence was over and refugees were returning to their homes. When I innocently proposed going with them, she slammed a telephone receiver in my ear, and I was on my own, trying without success for four days to get a plane out in any direction.

What the Government quaintly called a "mopping up" operation began with the commandeering of all commercial aircraft. The refugees were going back all right, all the way back to Lisbon, as many as could squeeze aboard planes diverted from scheduled routes.

## On Hand For Attack

Thus I was on hand for the Government-organized attack on the American Consulate, March 22. In a city where picture-taking and public assembly were forbidden, where white taxi drivers were afraid to go through the native quarter, and Africans were afraid to come out of their houses, where police and soldiers were racing about in jeeps, looking for suspicious characters, in this security-tight city, three truckloads of Negroes were hauled to the doorstep of the American Consulate. Cameramen were on hand to record the scene. A Government tourist boat, out in the bay across the boulevard, circled and tooted to draw a crowd.

From nowhere there appeared a hundred or so brawny young men, wearing remarkably identical clean white shirts for the cameras. The police came, too, and watched the fun as U.S. Consul William Gibson's 1958 Chevrolet was rolled into the bay.

When I went to the airport the next afternoon to catch the Portuguese commercial plane for Laurencio Marques, airport director Juan Santos did a double take.

"You lied to me," he screamed. Somebody had slipped. They thought I

was safely out of town before they pulled their little anti-U.S. stunt so the Government press could tell the public how their "exalted patriotism" had inspired the demonstration.

He confiscated the film out of my camera and tested each of 34 rolls of unused film in search for more. The less he found, the angrier he got.

"Why are you smiling?" he sputtered the warning that he would wipe the grin off my face. After an hour of this, my scattered luggage was thrown together (only one shoe missing) and I was hustled aboard the plane.

## Police Were Waiting

But at 11:30 p.m. at Laurencio Marques, the police were waiting. An embarrassed airline stewardess was given the job of stripping me to the skin. Three men and the girl devoted an hour to examining my baggage. They made such a mess they lost what they were looking for — a dozen rolls of exposed film and my notes on Angola in a knot of clothing.

They confiscated the 34 rolls of unused film and notes on 14 other countries and let me go to bed by 2:30 a.m., with orders to appear before the International Police at 9:00 a.m. I gave them until 10:30 a.m. to absorb such neatly typed notes as an economic analysis of Ghana's foreign exchange position.

The rest of the day I sweltered in a cubbyhole of an anteroom waiting vainly to be seen.

At 7:30 p.m. I put in an S.O.S. for the American Consul at his home. Since they had even confiscated my list of consular officers, I was reduced to asking his name.

"W.H. Taft," he said. He left the dinner table to rally to my cause, and at 10:15 p.m. my possessions were returned. But how was I going to get out of there? I had missed two planes to Johannesburg. Besides, I had no visa.

At this juncture, A South African jail looked better than a Portuguese one. Taft personally came to the airport Monday morning and deputized James A. Farrell, chairman of the Farrell Steamship Lines, to get me past the last customs guard, an assignment he performed with glorious flourish.

## Paddy Bell To The Rescue

Another evil immigration officer was giving me a hard time at the Johannesburg Airport, when a rosy-cheeked Irishman, Paddy Bell, manager for Pan American World Airways, came to the rescue.

Leaving the authorities to contemplate my passport, he whisked me to his office, where a local newspaper reporter

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**EICHMANN** (Cont'd from page 1)

to Cairo under the British rule no longer are in existence. It's a long haul of nearly six thousand miles from Jerusalem to New York . . . and the circuits are at a premium; and because of atmospheric, they are not too reliable. Correspondents were limited in radio circuit, telex and telegram time. In the past six months, the Israelis strung 300 additional lines into Jerusalem, but these were hardly enough on opening day when nearly 400 thousand words were filed. Many correspondents found their copy was arriving so late that it ended on the hook while the wire service copy was in print.

Photographers, of course, were completely frustrated. They were confined to the area outside the compound, and could shoot only such things as the curious crowds and correspondents being frisked by Israeli security police. TV cameramen were in the same boat, since the Israeli government handed over monopoly coverage to an American firm, Capital Cities Broadcasting. This outfit set up a big tape center several hundred yards from the big stone Bet Ha'Am courtroom, with two video tape machines and lots of ulcers. Bill Corrigan of CBS, Los Angeles, serves as pool editor for the American network. At day's end, anywhere from one to three hours of TV tape is whisked to London by jet and then sent to New York, as well as put on BBC and Eurovision.

All courtroom photographs are taken by men of the Government Press Office and then distributed at \$1.50 per print to the news people who want them. There was a great roar and crush of the pix people at the little counter on the day

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took my picture and expressed genuine surprise that American correspondents were persona non grata in South Africa.

In a few hours I was safely away to Bulawayo. Everything is relative, and Cecil Rhodes now looks to me like a cross between Benjamin Franklin and St. Francis Xavier.

But let's face it. The whites have been beastly to the blacks, from Arkansas to Angola. The blacks have been even more beastly to each other. Now we've got even the Red Chinese. And they all ganged up on me in Guinea.

It wasn't a pretty picture, all those men wrestling one woman for her camera. And there, it was U.S. Ambassador John Howard Morrow, a Negro, who staunchly stood by the American press. Since then, he's gotten his wish to go home. I hope Kennedy gets him to come back. The beleaguered correspondents in Africa need all the assistance they can get, from men like Morrow and Taft.

before the trial started as photos were released of Eichmann in his prison cell. It looked real hot, until the photo men discovered to their chagrin that *Life* and *Paris Match* already had the pictures.

This is part of the Government Press Office technique, which is hard-boiled in the way it determines who will get the tidbits of news. Israel makes no bones of the facts that an influential press and a favorable story are two ingredients in its fight for survival. The press officers can give one a run-around six different ways. They have provided no briefings with Attorney General Gideon Hausner, the prosecutor, although one or two select correspondents have been given off-the-record discussions.

There was something of a surprise when the prominent war historian, Ysrael Beer, was arrested on espionage charges — surprise only when some correspondents learned they had agreed to submit any copy aside from that of the Eichmann trial to the Israeli censor. The story was general knowledge even in the sole latrine that serves the 450 or so correspondents, and Beer had been under arrest for two weeks. But for reasons known to themselves only, the Israeli officials bottled up the story for 48 hours. The inevitable happened: the story got out. A French radio correspondent was denied access to the trial as a result, and went

home. The Government Press Office says the *New York Daily News* jumped the deadline, but it can't prove anything. Rumor says the story was taken to Athens by a friendly traveler and filed from there.

Translations of the testimony are being spoken by government officials. They are willing, but their technique is bad and the results rather dreadful. Most correspondents wait for the printed text to find out what was really said. The complicating factor is that Eichmann's testimony and many of the documents are in German. This is translated into Hebrew — the official court language — and then into English. But the payoff came when three thousand pages of Eichmann's pre-trial testimony were put out in German, with no English translation.

As an added frustration, Israel had two holidays in successive weeks. This called for recesses and a further slowing up of the already slow trial. Correspondents also found themselves dispossessed from hotel rooms which previously had been reserved for the Israeli Independence Day celebration. They bunked with Jerusalem families, who got a sudden windfall of twelve pounds — or six dollars — a day, in a city where the average take-home pay is about \$150 a month.

This is written as the trial is expected to last three months.

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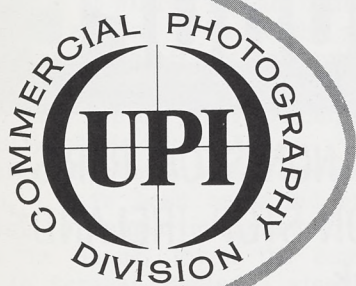
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## PEOPLE & PLACES

**TRAVELING:** A large number of OPCers enjoyed a sunny cruise up the East River to Flushing Meadows last Saturday to attend the gala N.Y. World's Fair Preview Day ceremonies....**Robert S. Kane** returned from SoAmerica in time for publication of his new book, "Africa A to Z," with a cocktail party at the OPC given by Doubleday in collaboration with Ethiopian Airlines, UAT French Airlines, and East Africa Tourist Travel Assn....

**PUBLICATIONS:** Honey mag of London has bought British magrights to **Carl Winston's** "How to Run a Million into a Shoestring"...**Eugene Miller**, dir of public affairs & communications, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., is author of article in May issue of Coronet, entitled "Pension Plans: Gold Mine for the Golden Years"....

**RADIO-TV:** Stan Swinton and **Paul Sanker** appeared Apr. 21 on the **Barry Gray** show....OPCers who have "topics of the day" can discuss them on the **Betty Furness** show (daily WNTA-TV, 9 — 10:30 p.m.) Contact **Ruth Lloyd**, BA 7-3260. Ruth herself did an analysis of "how Castro turned Cuba into an economic & political satellite" on the show last Wednesday.

**NEW POSTS:** **Edward Ellis**, staff writer for the World Tele&Sun, takes leave of absence May 1 to write a biog on **Steve Hannagan** (well-known press agent who died in 1953). He would welcome the reminiscences of any corrs or publicity agents who knew Steve. Contact him at Hotel Master, 310 Riverside Drive, NYC, UN 4-1700....**Robert Wear** announces opening of corporate offices in Northrop Bldg, Beverly Hills, Calif., for Wear & Associates, Inc. ...**E.J. Gerity, Jr.**, has been named asst dir of PR by Internat'l Telephone & Telegraph Corp. He had been dir, news services...

....**Col. R. P. Rosengren** (Ret.) has joined personal staff of Chief of Transportation, Maj. Gen. Frank Besson, Jr., as a writer for engineering & technical publications (official & unofficial) in field of Research & Development, particularly field of Army Aviation...**Martin Caidin**, astronautical authority, was signed to exclusive contract by WNEW Radio as space-age specialist...(Miss) **Jerry Quigg** was named publicity dir for newly-established publishing firm of Walker & Co.

....**Jack Fern**, formerly CBS News, named gen mgr for Republic Broadcasting System, Quezon City, Philippines. He leaves for the islands next week...**Olga Curtis** resigned as women's ed of Parade mag to edit the Denver Post's new Sunday supplement for women....**Rosalind Massow** left NYJnlAmer city desk to become feature writer for Parade.

## BLUE CROSS - BLUE SHIELD

Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance opens its lists for new members on May 1.

Application forms, which must be in by June, may be obtained from the OPC business office.

## Room Rentals

Members are reminded that rooms will be available at a reduced rate through May 15th. Call for your reservations.

However — members' house accounts may not be used for room charges, and bills will be rendered on a regular transient basis.

## TICKER (Continued from page 2)

Seven Wash newsmen received Sigma Delta Chi awards at the 29th annual awards meeting. They were **Julius Ducha**, **James Clayton**, **Murrey Marder** and **Bernard Nossiter**, of the WashPost; **David Brinkley**, NBC News; **Smith Hempstone, Jr.**, ChiDlyNews; and **Hobart Rowen**, Newswk.

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possible to place a call from New York to Havana, but the man who answers is evasive, uninformed or conflicting in what he says;

...AP staff members have not been able to file news or pictures in the entire week.

Barred from on-the-spot coverage, NBC extended its electronic arm to pick up Havana's version of the battles via television.

Using a mobile tape unite at Naples, Florida, NBC recorded key TV broadcasts picked up by long range receiver.

Newsmen seeking to get as close as possible to the center of developments but out of Castro's clutches converged first on Miami and then many headed for Guantanamo Naval Base. Included were NBC's **John Hlavacek** and the *New York Times'* **Max Frankel**.

Driving up from Florida expressly for OPC Annual Dinner, **Paula LeCler** instead had to take husband **Walter D. Wood** to Staten Island Hospital for emergency major surgery, from which he's now convalescing (47 Pleasant Plains Ave., Staten Island, NY).

**Dorothy Calhoun Benjamin**, wife of founder-member **Robert Spiers Benjamin**, died suddenly of a heart attack in Mexico City, Apr. 19. Their first "date" took place at the First OPC Annual Awards Dinner. The burial took place at New Canaan, Conn.

**Col. H.D. "Chips" Woodruff**, dir, Secy of the Air Force Ofc of Info, announces that welcome mat is out for OPCers to use the many story, film & still photo files available, in his ofc" — 663 5th Ave., NYC.



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## NBC EXPANDS COVERAGE OF SO. AMERICAN NEWS

A major expansion of South American news coverage was announced by William R. McAndrew, Executive Vice President, NBC news.

The network opened one bureau in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and another in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Havana, Cuba, bureau has been established for some time.

Wilson and Lee Hall will man the Rio bureau and Kenneth Bernstein will work out of Buenos Aires.

According to McAndrew, NBC now has a total of 35 correspondents and cameramen, working full or part-time in the Latin American area.

### CONTRIBUTIONS INVITED

Members are invited to contribute articles to the OPC Bulletin on: (1) "Press problems while covering special assignments"; (2) A day in the life of a foreign correspondent"; (3) Recollections of a One-Time Foreign Correspondent"; etc.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

### ACTIVE

W. RICHARD BRUNER — Printers' Ink Magazine. Stars & Stripes 1942/44 (Europe & Africa). Proposed by Will Yolen; seconded by Woodrow Wirsig.

SAM IKER — AFN Europe. Proposed by John O. Koehler; seconded by Richard O'Regan.

STROUBE SMITH — The New York Times, Paris. Stars & Stripes 1959/60; Birmingham (Ala.) News 1957/59; Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News 1953/57. Proposed by William G. Mahoney; seconded by Morton P. Gudebrod.

MRS. LAEL TUCKER WERTENBAKER — free lance. Time, Inc. 1940/55. Proposed by Jhan Robbins; seconded by June Robbins.

JOHN WEYLAND — AP Bonn. Proposed by John O. Koehler; seconded by Richard O'Regan.

### ASSOCIATE

HOWARD BALDWIN BLEIER — New York Times. L.I. Press 1947/60. Proposed by William L. Saffire; seconded by Bill Davidson.

E. P. ERICKSON — F. W. Dodge Corp. Newsp. since 1951. Proposed by Wayne Richardson; seconded by James E. Parlatore.

CONRAD C. FINK — AP since 1957. Bloomington (Ill.) Pantagraph 1956/57; WIBA 1953/54. Proposed by Charles Grumich; seconded by Wayne Richardson.

CLARENCE P. GILMORE — free lance writer. Proposed by Bert Cowlan; seconded by Barbara H. Scofield.

HAROLD E. GROUP — Savings Bank Journal. Proposed by Walter H. Diamond; seconded by Andrew Weil.

BRUNO KROKER — Author on Far Eastern affairs and news writer for National Council of Churches. Proposed by Geraldine Sartain; seconded by Fletcher Coates.

GERALD I. MILLER — AP New York. Proposed by Wayne Richardson; seconded by Charles Grumich.

DON MUNSON — free lance writer and broadcaster for Women's Broadcasting Syndicate. Proposed by Duncan MacDonald; seconded by Richard E. Fiske.

RICHARD S. STARK — NBC, CBS & ABC 1934/61. WNEW 1939/41. Proposed by Gilbert E. Busch; seconded by A. C. Hancock.

BEN A. WILLIAMSON — Time, Inc. since 1943. Cleveland Press 1933/43. Proposed by Robert C. Christopher; seconded by Robert E. Jackson.

### NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

### ACTIVE

Sam Waagenaar — PIX photographer, Rome

### ASSOCIATE

Sophie Burstein — The Jewish Forum  
A. Bruce Campbell — UPI 1939/41 & 1945/6.  
Charles W. Downs, Jr. — News cameraman.  
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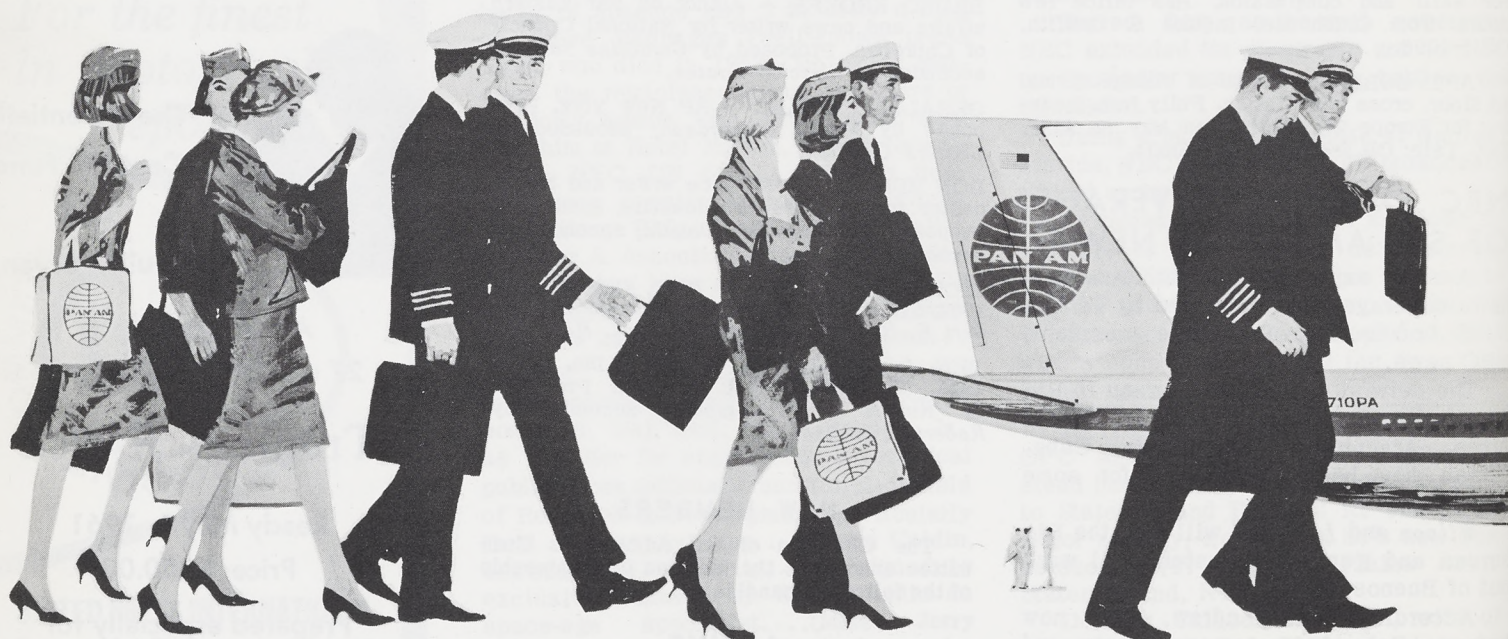
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